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## **News Advisory**

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Facilities Going Tobacco Free**

- What:** Beginning this year, all publicly-funded substance abuse and mental health facilities across Utah will become tobacco free. These changes are part of Recovery Plus, a three-year wellness initiative.
- Why:** Studies show that treating tobacco use along with substance abuse increases recovery rates and that people with mental illness die an average of 25 years sooner than the general population, largely due to conditions caused or worsened by smoking.
- When:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
10:30 a.m.
- Where:** House of Hope  
667 E. South Temple in Salt Lake City
- Interview Opps:**
- Palmer DePaulis – Executive Director, Utah Department of Human Services
  - Dr. Robert Rolfs – Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention/State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health
  - Shanin Rapp - Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness Board Member
  - Kandas Prasad - House of Hope Client

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